CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: \$R5WSSAD.mpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1001821.015

Medium: Computer Moving Image File

Director: Not applicable

Producer: Not applicable

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 14 January 2011

Date of direction to

issue a label:

No direction to issue a label has been issued

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	\$R5WSSAD.mpg	4:19
Total running time:		4:19

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer moving image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The file contains a short clip showing a man involving a girl, who appears to be an older child, in sexual activity. The purpose of the material is to arouse adults with a sexual interest in young girls. The availability of the image is likely to encourage this sexual interest and perpetuate the

idea that children may be used for adult sexual gratification. The effect is to encourage the sexual exploitation of children.

The classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.